IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the section entitled "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" on page

1, with the following paragraph:

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This patent application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. [_____]

02/0118045-A1, filed [_____] November 29, 2000 (Attorney Docket No. PU000143) which is

incorporated herein by reference in its [entirely] entirety.

Replace the paragraph starting at page 6, line 20 with the following paragraph:

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The SYNCH evaluation module 135 may also be implemented according to the

SYNC detector described in commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application No. [_____]

02/0118045-A1, filed [_____] November 29, 2000, which is incorporated herein by reference in

its entirety. Briefly, the disclosed detector operates to detect changes in the temporal spacing of

synchronizing pulses, such as vertical and/or horizontal synchronizing pulses within a television

or video signal. Such changes may comprise, for example, a gross change in the time period

associated with the synchronizing signals (i.e., large changes within the time intervals separating

successive synchronizing signals). Such changes may also comprise, for example, changes in the

pulse width of [of] synchronizing pulses, such as horizontal synchronizing pulses and/or vertical

synchronizing pulses. For example, in the case of video tape stretch or other physical anomalies

that induce timing irregularities into a video signal, the disclosed detector may be used to identify

degradation synchronizing pulses indicative of corresponding degradations to the video image

information.

FIG. 2 depicts a high level block diagram of a controller suitable for implementing the functionality of the SYNCH evaluation module 135 and controller 140 of the system 100 of FIG. 1. The controller 200 of FIG. 2 implements the synchronization component evaluation method described below with respect to FIG. 3. Alternately, the controller 200 of FIG. 2 implements methods discussed in U.S. Patent Application No. [_____] 02/0118045-A1, filed [_____] November 29, 2000, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. The controller 200 also implements control functionality useful in adapting the operation of the recording device 145 to the presence and/or quality of an evaluated synchronizing component of a video signal, or to a control signal provided by, for example, a remote control device.